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For : METHOD FOR CULTURING CELLS, CELL CULTURE CARRIERS AND
CELL CULTURE APPARATUS

**SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 24, 2007**

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Sir :

This is in response to the Final Office Action of July 24, 2007 which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response until October 24, 2007.

Concurrently herewith, Applicants are filing a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114 for which the instant paper is a submission.

Applicants note that this response is being filed by the initial due date for response whereby an extension of time and the government fee associated therewith should not be necessary. However, if any fee is necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application, including any extension of time for entry of an Examiner's Amendment, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization to charge any necessary fee, including and extension of time fee and/or any claim fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.